

Herefordshire Computing Support iPad loans arrangements - FAQs

You have requested to borrow one of our sets of iPads to try out in your school. These will be available on the date in the covering email. We'd like to come out to see you for a day, we'll set them up first (that will probably take until break time) then spend the rest of the day with a teacher and a class, or two, going through some things you might usefully try out while you have them (see below).

There will be about 16 iPads (depending on other projects that are going on for which they may be needed). If you need further support in school while you have them (perhaps for specific projects) please don't hesitate to ask, that's what we're here for.

One of us will return to collect them after three weeks (unless you can get them back to Hereford and save us a journey). We make no charge for this service (it's just a part of the service we offer through the *Herefordshire Computing Support SLA*).

There will be a mixture of full size iPads (£250 / £300) and iPad minis (£200) – all round figures so that you can decide which you like best.

Here are some frequently asked questions that might help you to get best value from your loan.

How would it be best for us to deploy them in school?

You will get more out of your three week loan period if you base the iPads in one class (with an enthusiastic teacher) rather than trying to spread them around thinly. (This is true of iPads generally in schools). It really doesn't matter which year group, a willingness to make the most of them during the period is the most important thing.

What shall we do with them?

We'll help you specifically with that on the day we bring them to you, and all kinds of things are possible. It will be helpful, though if you can start thinking now about an exciting project or two. We suggest that you capitalise on the really creative things that are possible such as:

- Anything involving audio / video / photos (camera and mic. On board the device makes all of this so simple)
- Movie making with iMovie (a dream of an app – you'll be amazed at how simple it is to make a film). You might like to consider going further and borrowing a green screen kit from us too, you can do some wonderful stuff with that.
- Book creation (multi-modal books with text, pictures, video, sound) using Book Creator app.
- Comic Life app allows you to create comic strips, from the camera in the iPad or from other pictures
- Augmented reality – Bring a picture or classroom display to life with video / audio using the Aurasma app or just create a QR code with Red Laser which can be put on your display (or print out on a newsletter) to link to a video on people's smart phones.
- Use Morfo Booth or Puppet Palls app to create animated video (perhaps in conjunction with one or more of the ideas above)

- Have a go at some stop frame animation with Animate it r Lego Movie Maker, polish it in iMovie.

How do we share files between iPads?

There are various ways of doing this but for a small number of iPads and only 3 weeks we suggest that you use a cloud storage solution such as One Drive (Microsoft). We'll set this up for you and try to make sure that we make use of it in the afternoon session. You can also install the One Drive client on your class PC so that files can be pulled onto your school network and saved / printed.

Alternately, we may leave you with a solution that will allow you to save to a USB memory stick we will attach to your network. Either way we'll explain on the day.

Will we be able to print things?

You'll probably find that the things you create on the iPads are more exciting than printable resources (video / sound / multi modal resources) but yes. There are quite easily implemented printing solutions but it's not really worth setting any of them up for such a short period. The best way to print is to save to One Drive (see above) pick up the file on a school computer and print from there.

What apps will I have?

Quite a range of apps are on the iPads and there should be a list attached with this with a brief outline one on our website (www.herefordshirecomputing.com) of them. If there is something specific you'd like to do then please ask. You can also download any free apps from the Apps Store (unfortunately not paid ones) and we'll tell you the password for the iTunes account on the iPads (please don't give this to the children), they shouldn't need it and they should really be 13 to use the app store. You'll need to download the app to each iPad (though there are more efficient ways of doing this when you have your own set).

Can I get what's on my iPad up on the whiteboard?

Yes, we'll leave you with something called Apple TV, a small black box that we will connect to your projector. Any of the iPads can "mirror" to the board – great for celebrating work the children do. Again, we'll make sure we build this into the time we spend with you. There are other, much cheaper solutions when you have your own iPads but AppleTV is the easiest way to go at the moment.

Can staff take them home?

Yes, we want you to get maximum benefit from them for the time they are in your school and it's fine for members of staff to take one home for evenings / weekends / holidays. There are five USB chargers in the AppleTV box for this purpose. You will also need to unplug and take home one of the USB charging leads from the cabinet. Make sure it has the right connector and please ask people not to cut off the cable ties that make the leads manageable in the cabinet.

What if we decide to buy our own?

You probably will, almost every school borrowing them so far has done this! We are very happy to come and talk to you about the best solution for your school and we work with local suppliers and providers of technical support. This is probably the best starting point as it's really important to have a clear vision before you start and we can certainly help you to shape this. Training and support for their introduction is also important, and that's what we're here for. You will also want to talk to your regular supplier of

technical support. It is really important to make sure that your broadband feed and the Wi-Fi in your school is capable of supporting the load. Recommended Apple supplier:

- **Albion** (Hereford iStore) - Elliot Broadbent-Jones - e.broadbent-jones@albion.co.uk - 01432800725
- **AT Computers** - education@atcomputers.co.uk - 01684 291112

I have further questions!

Excellent, email Mark (msanderson@herefordshire.gov.uk), we'll do our best to answer your question and add it to this document for the future.